

WASHINGTON HEARS VAN COTT IS QUIT

Unofficial Report that He is to
Be Succeeded by Robert
Wynne Is Not Edited by
the Latter.

A report that Postmaster Van Cott had forwarded his resignation to Washington and that President Roosevelt had appointed First Assistant Postmaster-General Robert Wynne to take charge of the New York Post-Office gained wide circulation to-day. Mr. Van Cott is ill at his home.

The Evening World called up Mr. Wynne at Washington on long-distance telephone and asked him concerning the truth of the report.

"I heard something to that effect," said Mr. Wynne, "but it does not come to me through any official source. I heard it talked about in the newspaper business."

The close association of the New York office with the scandal in the Post-Office Department has been matter of comment. Inspectors have been sent to this city at various times many departments in the local office have been probed. Mr. Van Cott has been repeatedly called to the attention of the investigation, and at times it was reported that he would resign. He has announced his determination serving out his term.

An effort was made by the Evening World reporter to see Mr. Van Cott at his home to-day. Mrs. Van Cott, who appeared at the door, said that her husband was suffering from attack of la grippe.

"He is not well enough to see any one about business," said Mrs. Van Cott, "and does not hope to be able to go to his office before the last of the week. There is absolutely no truth in the report that he has sent his resignation to Washington."

MINISTER AVERTED INIC.

Calmly Dismissed Congregation When Church Caught Fire

The Rev. Dr. Viding, of the James Methodist Episcopal Church in Isabell is being congratulated to-day on his coolness in the presence of extreme danger in his church yesterday. He was in the midst of his sermon when one called his attention to the fact that smoke was puffing up the airways from the basement.

The minister stopped his sermon, but not so abruptly as a torpid spectator, and then dismissed his congregation. Five minutes later flames were eating their way through a floor of the church. The fire was used by over-heated furnace and flames were soon extinguished.

SLIGO MEN'S FEAST FOR AN IRISH POET

They Pay Tribute to William
Butler Yeats, Who Is Seek-
ing to Revive an Interest in
Erin's Literature.

The Sligo Men's Association—all men from County Sligo—gave a dinner last night to William Butler Yeats, the Irish poet and dramatist, in Healy's, on Columbus avenue.

Mr. Yeats has been lecturing in the United States since October on the movement to revive interest in Irish literature.

Dr. J. C. Hanan presided at the dinner. Besides Mr. Yeats the specially invited guests included W. Bourke Cockran and the Rev. T. H. Quinn, a parish priest from Ballygarreen, who has been in this country raising funds with which to complete the cathedral which was commenced in Ballygarreen thirty-six years ago.

Mr. Cockran spoke first, because he had to preside at a meeting in Carnegie Hall. He spoke of poets and the debt humanity owed them, and paid a compliment to Mr. Yeats and his efforts.

In part Mr. Yeats said: "For long years Ireland has been oppressed with English vulgarity. I know there are good men and great men in England, but the men she sent over to administer the affairs of Ireland have been, in the main, men of coarse and vulgar tastes. For years it was the boast of Dublin University that all its truly great intellects were English."

That boast can be no longer made. A new birth has been given to Irish literature, and Irishmen have at last learned that a civil-service appointment or the preference that England is always willing to give to Irishmen of brains is not so much to be desired as the rewards that are waiting at home. "All we have had with which to go this work has been a handful of dreams. But it is dreams that set the imagination afire and nothing is so necessary to well directed patriotism as an imagination aflame. Only one other day I received a letter from home telling me that a new play had been produced in my little theatre in Dublin and that the production had been a great success. Yet the author of that play was the not very lettered son of an unlettered farmer. That is a sample of the work we are doing at home for the dear old land and her people."

It was announced that the annual ball of the Sligo men would be given in Tammany Hall on the evening of Jan. 9.

GIRL HARPIST DEAD.

DETROIT, Dec. 21.—Miss Lillian Abano, of Liverpool, Eng., a talented harpist, died at Harper Hospital to-day, aged twenty years. She was taken sick with typhoid fever Dec. 11, while filling an engagement at the Temple Theatre here.

NAMES HIS SLAYER AS BEST FRIEND

George Rice, Who Was So Ter-
ribly Beaten that He Died
from His Injuries, Insists His
Assailant Is Not His Enemy.

Thomas Casey, head porter at the New Amsterdam Hotel, is under arrest, charged with the murder of George Rice, who was his best friend until they quarrelled at their work on Nov. 1. Rice died in Bellevue Hospital Saturday night.

No one out a small Italian bootblack saw the fight. His screams attracted other employees of the hotel, who found Rice with his face cut and bleeding. Rice went to the station house and complained against Casey. The police saw he was badly hurt and took him to the hospital. When asked who had injured him he said, "Casey," and when asked for the name of his best friend he again said "Casey."

Casey went often to the hospital, where Rice assured him he would soon be well and that old scores would be forgotten.

But the injuries proved more serious than was at first expected, and the man died on Saturday night. Casey, who had already been arrested for assault, was re-arrested on a charge of homicide.

A week ago Mrs. Rice, who already had three children, gave birth to a fourth. Casey declared to-day he would care for the fatherless family as long as he could work.

BROWN'S WILL SET ASIDE.

Rich Nonagenarian Was Too In-
definite in His Terms.

The courts have set aside the will of Paul Sandstrom Brown, the Brooklyn caterer, who at the age of ninety took a wife and then died in a week. His bride was Miss Augusta Andree, who was thirty-seven years old and a trained nurse.

Before his marriage Mr. Brown lived with his son Mortimer, in Brooklyn, but he became dissatisfied and advertised for a housekeeper. He went to Bloomfield, N. J., and there fell sick. Miss Andree nursed him and in three weeks he married her. He left a fortune of \$100,000, which he divided into incomes. The courts held that the provisions were too indefinite.

FOUND DEAD IN STORE.

Body of Druggist Discovered Sit-
ting in Chair.

Harry Berder, a druggist, forty-two years old, of No. 48 Willis avenue, was found dead sitting in a chair in the backroom of his store to-day by Peter O'Brien, of No. 735 East One Hundred and Forty-fifth street. Dr. Nelson, of No. 561 East One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, was summoned and pronounced life extinct.

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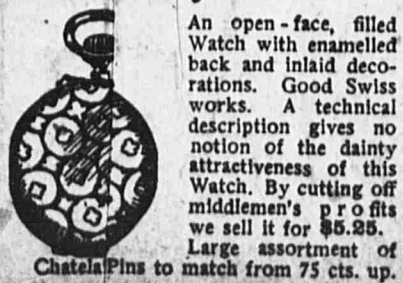
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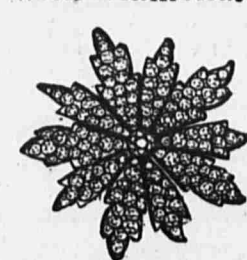
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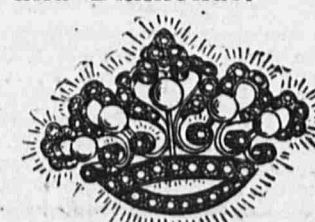
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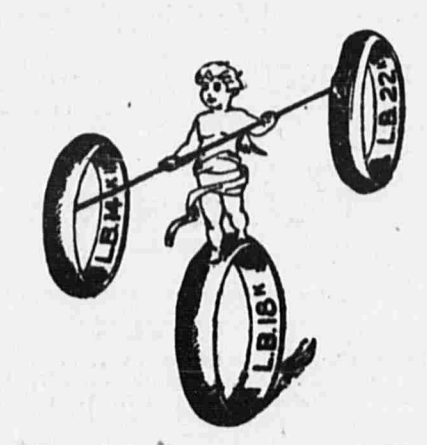
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